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The chairman of the Senate Central Intelligence Agency watchdog panel said recent disclosures have so damaged CIA effectiveness President Johnson should consider reorganizing it.

"In view of this spate of confessions or revelations — whatever you want to call them — by people who had suppposedly been sworn to secrecy, it might be helpful even if you did no more than change the name," said Sen. Richard B. Russell.

The Georgia Democrat referred to the published statements of former CIA officials as well as to the widely publicized disclosures of covert CIA aid to student and labor groups.

The Senator's comments, underscoring a widely shared concern in the government's intelligence community, were made as the Senate CIA subcommittee scheduled one of its regular closed-door briefing sessions with CIA Director Richard M. Helms.

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